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In re patent application of

Inventor: Patrice DEBREGEAS *et al.*

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For: GRANULES CONTAINING A PLANT SUBSTANCE AND  
PROCESS FOR PREPARING THEM

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a response to the final Office Action mailed May 31, 2001 ("Office Action"), in the above-identified application. A response is due on August 31, 2001. Although applicants believe that no fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

*Clean copy of the amended claim*

1. (Twice Amended) Granules containing at least one plant substance, comprising a neutral core having a particle size of between 200 and 1600  $\mu\text{m}$  coated with a layer consisting of the plant substance combined with a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.